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Please consider the statement below on the General Assembly Resolution passed yesterday on the Status of IDPs and Refugees in South Ossetia and Abkhazia. If you need further information about South Ossetia or wish to interview a South Ossetian official, please contact me at +1.202.715.1448 or at steven.ellis@saylorcompany.com.

STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH OSSETIA ON UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION A 64/L 62

Despite the fact that some provisions of Resolution A 64/L 62 do not correspond to the realities on the ground, the Government of the Republic of South Ossetia shares the concern of the United Nations General Assembly for the fate of refugees and internally displaced persons who have been victims of Georgian aggression in the South Caucasus region. It is troubling that the Resolution does not address the status of all refugees who have been affected over two decades of Georgian-Ossetian conflict.

We ask UN members to direct Georgia to take responsibility for her past aggression. In addition, we request that the UN insist that Georgia accept her ongoing responsibility to contribute to a constructive environment in the Geneva discussions and other arenas that would guarantee peace, security and human rights for all citizens of this region. Georgia only blames others, refusing to admit that her actions caused the demographic changes in the region.

During the Geneva discussions, Georgia continues to block constructive dialogue, ensuring that negotiations have been counterproductive. This practice is not beneficial to any party. It is time the UN cease in condoning Georgia's behavior and insist that she act like the responsible member of the international community she someday wants to be.

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